

# ASSOCIATION OF GRADUATES UNITED STATES AIR FORCE ACADEMY



CAS Meeting Notes  
13 November 2017

- Guest Speaker, Lt Gen Mike Gould '76, USAF (Ret), President/CEO USAFA Endowment  
<https://www.usafa.org/Endowment/Board>
  - Wants to work with the AOG as a sister organization
  - There are 7 Supporting Foundations:
    - Air Force Academy Foundation (run by El Pomar)
    - Falcon Foundation
    - Academy Research & Development Institute (ARDI)
    - Friends of the Library
    - Air Force Academy Athletic Corporation (AFAAC)
    - USAFA Endowment
    - AOG
  - Projects:
    - Falcon Stadium Renovations
    - Falcon's Nest (Boxes between Clune Arena & Hockey Rink)
    - CyberWorx facility
    - Planetarium refurbishment
  - The UE has only 2 USAFA grads on staff out of 29 employees. ~~This makes it difficult to fund raise as potential donors may have questions that only a grad can answer~~
  - Gen Gould would like to have some grad volunteers to help out with fund raising calls to the graduate community Note: If you want to volunteer to help make fund raising calls contact [Ruth.Reichert@usafaendowment.org](mailto:Ruth.Reichert@usafaendowment.org)
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  - Questions:
    - What were the vote results for the Single CEO referendum?
      - Only 19% AOG members voted, but of those who voted 86% voted for the Single CEO
    - Will the UE run a Comprehensive Campaign soon?
      - Yes, they'll be looking to raise around \$250M
    - If we do get a Single CEO, what Supporting Foundations would come under him/her?
      - UE
      - AOG
      - Falcon Foundation (maybe)
    - John Borling '63 recommended the UE consider passing the cost of credit card donations on to the donor.
      - The UE is considering this and as of 1 Oct '17, the UE implemented a 10% fee on gifts to be used to cover the cost of fundraising.
- Marty Marcolongo '88, President & CEO, AOG – Update  
[http://www2.usafa.org/AOG/Bio\\_MartyMarcolongo](http://www2.usafa.org/AOG/Bio_MartyMarcolongo)
  - UE & AOG are getting along very well

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- Air Force will be playing Army in basketball in Madison Square Garden on 17 December 2017
- If you hear something that is purported to have come from the AOG, but doesn't sound right – contact the AOG to get the factual story
- Forged in Blue Program:
  - Melting a donated class ring to be recast in the next classes rings – Long Blue Line
  - Class of 70 ring will be melted down and recast in the Class of 20's rings
- Garry Dudley '68, CAS President
  - New Business:
    - CAS Roster has been updated, but phone numbers will not be included in the online version
    - Please review and update as necessary. Same goes for the AOG database
    - CAS Officer elections will be held 1 year from now. If you are interested in a position, please attend one of Garry's Orientation of Candidates sessions
- Doug Brower '72, CAS Vice President
  - Wreaths Across America (WAA) Program
    - 16 December is designated by Congress to be WAA day
    - Excellent program that ensures a wreath will be laid upon every veteran grave on that day
    - Bruce Fritzsche is the USAFA Cemetery WAA rep
      - [bfritzsche2911@comcast.net](mailto:bfritzsche2911@comcast.net)
    - See attached fact sheet for more
  - Next AOG Board of Directors (BOD) meeting will be 1 December 2017
    - Please let Garry know if you'd like to attend so he can coordinate breakfast & lunch for you
    - Highly recommended that every Senator attend 1 BOD meeting during your tenure
  - Next CAS meeting is **Tuesday** (not Monday) 9 January 2018
    - This will be a good one. Please bring a guest as our Guest Speaker will be BGen Kristin Goodwin '93, USAFA Commandant (<http://www.usafa.af.mil/About-Us/Biographies/Display/Article/1194369/brigadier-general-kristin-e-goodwin/>)
  - Next ExCom meeting will be 12 March 2018

<https://s3.amazonaws.com/aog-websites/usafa-org/documents/aog/governance/CAS/CASMeetingSchedule+2018-2020.pdf>

Minutes by Doug "Mush" Brower, VP, Class Advisory Senate, Class of 72  
Approved by Garry Dudley, President, Class Advisory Senate, Class of '68

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Attachment 1: Attendance

Attachment 2: Wreaths Across America Fact Sheet

Attachment 1 – Attendance

Present in room

CL	F Name	L Name
59	Curtis	Cook
60	Dick	Sexton
64	Douglas	Jenkins
65	Denny	Murphy
67	Jeff	Schofield
68	Garry	Dudley
70	Roger	Hill
72	Mush	Brower
73	Dale	Birch
75	Bruce	Mitchell
75 BU	Mark	Volcheff
79	Randy	Helms
80	Derek	Hess
15	Richie	Sapp

By Phone or GTM

CL	F Name	L Name
61	Patrick	Buckley
63	John	Borling
69	Tom	Fleming
74	Tom	Hayden
75	Bruce	Mitchell
77	Joe	Niemeyer
80	Derek	Hess
83	Court	Collier
84	"DJ"	Johnson
90	Cathy	Almand
92	Rick	Bailey
05	John	Tamasitis
15	Richie	Sapp

Guests Present

Mike Gould                '76  
Marty Marcolongo      '88  
Gary Howe                '69  
Johnny Bollman        AOG IT



## Attachment 2 – Wreaths Across America

### Wreaths Across America

- Wreaths Across America™ (WAA) is a national nonprofit organization founded in 2007 to continue and expand the annual wreath-laying ceremony at Arlington National Cemetery begun by Maine businessman Morrill Worcester in 1992.
- WAA's mission – **Remember, Honor, Teach** – is carried out in part by coordinating wreath-laying ceremonies at Arlington, as well as at veterans' cemeteries and other locations in all 50 states and beyond.
- Since its founding, the organization has expanded to include more than 1,500 local fundraising groups in all 50 states, representing more than 1,200 participating locations, along with our nation's cemetery at Arlington.
- Every year since 2008, Congress proclaims a date in December as National Wreaths Across America Day. This year, it will be held on **Saturday, Dec. 16, 2017**.

### 2016 Numbers

- 1.2 million Remembrance wreaths were placed in total across the country – 245,000 of them at Arlington National Cemetery.
- Close to a million volunteers participated at 1,228 locations nationwide, with more than 44,000 volunteers laying wreaths at Arlington National Cemetery. More than 400 truckloads of wreaths were delivered across the country by hundreds of volunteer professional truck drivers.

### What We Do

#### **REMEMBER**

- WAA's annual pilgrimage from Columbia Falls, Maine to Arlington National Cemetery has become known as the world's largest veterans' parade, stopping at schools, monuments, veterans' homes and communities all along the way to remind people how important it is to Remember, Honor and Teach.
- Special memorials are held at Pearl Harbor, the Pentagon and Shanksville, Pennsylvania, one of the four 9/11 tragedy locations.
- The HART Ceremony (Honoring Allies and Remembering Together) is conducted each year to honor veterans of our nation's allies in ceremonies on international border-crossing bridges between Calais, Maine and St. Stephen, New Brunswick, Canada; Detroit, Michigan and Windsor, Ontario, Canada; and Sweetwater, Montana and the Alaskan/Canadian border.
- WAA hosts statehouse ceremonies in nearly all 50 states.

#### **HONOR**

- WAA conducts several programs to honor our veterans, including our popular Thanks-A-Million campaign, which distributes free thank-you cards to people all over the country to share with veterans as a simple thank-you for their service.
- The organization participates in veterans' events throughout the year as well as public outreach through Veterans Day and Memorial Day programs, public service announcements, press coverage



and the WAA website. WAA has a veteran liaison on staff to work with local veterans' organizations.

#### **TEACH**

- WAA is committed to teaching younger generations about the value of their freedoms and the importance of honoring those who sacrificed so much to protect those freedoms. We offer learning tools, interactive media projects and opportunities for schools, 4-H clubs, Scouts and other youth groups to participate in our efforts.
- A downloadable curriculum and books are available to help schoolchildren appreciate the roles our veterans played in preserving their freedoms. These materials are designed to encourage the direct involvement of local veterans.

#### **How can I donate a wreath locally?**

The USAF Academy has 1200 veterans laid to rest in its cemetery. You can sponsor a wreath by going to [WWW.AirForceAcademyWAA.org](http://WWW.AirForceAcademyWAA.org). Click the center "Donate" button. On the next window, click the "Sponsor a Wreath" button. Wreaths are \$15 each. For every 2 wreaths sponsored, the Academy cemetery will receive a third wreath free!!

For more information contact Bruce Fritzsche '75 at his email: [bfritzsche2911@comcast.net](mailto:bfritzsche2911@comcast.net)